

28 June 2011

Ms. Cora Stanley Region 6, USEPA 6MD-RT 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75202

RE: Potential Conflict of Interest Notification

Wildfire Response

Los Alamo, New Mexico Area

**Emergency Response** 

TDD: TBD

EPA Contract: EP-W-06-042

Submitted via email on 28 June 2011

Dear Ms. Stanley:

This letter documents a potential conflict of interest associated with an on-going emergency response action. START was mobilized to the Los Alamos, New Mexico area on 27 June 2011, in response to on-going wildfires near the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) facility. LANL is a Department of Energy operated facility, and is one of the largest science and technology institutions in the world, where multidisciplinary research in several scientific fields is performed. LANL is one of two laboratories in the United States where classified work towards the design of nuclear weapons is undertaken. As requested by OSC Greg Fife, START has mobilized the mobile command post, personnel, and air sampling equipment, with the expected tasking to conduct air monitoring for potential radioactive particulates.

Weston has conducted work at the LANL facility since 1986, and continues to do work there today for the Department of Energy. Due to the threat from the wildfires, our Weston personnel have been demobilized from the site. Weston has provided support to LANL's environmental remediation supporting the clean up, demolition, and characterization of contaminated sites. Weston has provided technical support to the Transuranic Waste Management organization.

## POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTICE

Los Alamos National Laboratory

1. Name and location of site/facility:

The Los Alamos National Laboratory is located in Los Alamos, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

PRP: N/A

Location: Los Alamos, Los Alamos County, New Mexico

Description: Emergency Response

EPA OSC: Greg Fife START FTL: Heth Parnell

- 2. TDD NO: TBD
- 3. Has Weston or any employee that will be working at this site previously performed work at this site/facility?

  Yes
- 4. If yes, has Weston or any employee that will be working at this site previously performed work at this site/facility during the past 3 calendar years? Yes If yes, then:
- A. Type of work Weston has performed for the client:

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- **B.** Names of employees who worked at site: Numerous, to include Jessica Moseley, Berg Keshian, Betty Humphrey, and Emily Day
- **C. Dates work took place:** 1986 to present
- **D.** Clients for whom work was performed: DOE/Los Alamos National Laboratory
- 5. Are the clients involved at this site current (within past 3 years) Weston clients: Yes.
- **6.** Is this a site assessment or a removal site:
- 7. Names of known, potentially responsible parties (PRPs): N/A
- 8. If a PRP/client is a current Weston client:
  - A. Does the contract dollar or revenue dollar value of work performed for the client within the past 3 years exceed \$250,000? Yes
  - B. Total contract dollars within last 3 years: \$2.9M

FEDERAL SITES/FACILITIES: (DOD, DOI, etc.)

9. What federal agency is/was involved at site?

DOE

10. Has Weston performed work for this federal agency involving the same site and/or same people? Is there impending work for this federal agency involving the same site and/or same people? Potentially, however this could be avoided if deemed appropriate.

## **REGARDING ALL SITES:**

- 11. If the site is high visibility including public, media, and/or political interest -- please report any work that Weston has performed for the client (federal or private) currently or in the past. (See above.): N/A
- 12. Provide any additional information which may be pertinent to this situation. (Including, but not limited to, whether work is completed, or whether the work/contract is finally settled and paid; if the work was performed more than 3 years ago; and when work was performed; etc.) Weston has worked at the LANL facility since 1986. In the last three years, the contract value is approximately \$2.9M. The contract value of our historical work at LANL is approximately \$54M.

At this time, START remains on site, with plans to continue to perform assigned tasks. We also plan to tap into our historical site knowledge and provide that information to OSC Fife during this response. We will plan to proceed with tasked direction until we hear differently from you. I will be happy to discuss this potential conflict issue with you at your convenience. If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC.

Robert B. Beck

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